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000 Mr and Mrs Stevenson, and some other members of the China Inland Mission, who most kindly gave us much assistance in many ways. We were also fortunate enough to meet Mr Archibald Colquhoun, who has travelled much in China and other countries of the Far East, and had now come through Kuei-chou from the Yangtze and was on his way down to Tong-king. Mr Jensen, the Superintendent of Telegraphs, was away inspecting the line when we arrived, but soon afterwards came in. It was a great pleasure to renew acquaintance with him.

Our quarters at the inn were anything but pleasant, as the whole place smelt abominably, so Mr Stevenson kindly arranged that on Mr Colquhoun's departure we should go into the quarters he was occupying—a very nice little house in a small garden where we were free from all noise.

361 The town of Yün-nan Fu is by far the largest in the province. It is surrounded by a fine brick wall, 30 feet high, and measuring about 4½ miles round. As usual in Chinese cities, a very large part of the population live in the suburbs, which extend to a considerable distance round three sides of the town. I should estimate the population, including suburbs, to be about 80,000, but this is not much more than a guess and I will not guarantee its accuracy.

The plain extends some 35 miles to the south and contains several other towns, but a large part of it is 505 taken up by the K'un-yang Lake. There is a good deal of navigation by large sailing-boats on this lake, both for the conveyance of passengers and cargo, and by means of a canal things can be brought right up to the west gate of the city.

• 719 Mr Jensen took us one day to see the arsenal. This is in charge of Chinamen, who have learnt their work from Europeans at Nanking or Shanghai. They make Krupp guns, Nordenfeldts, and rifles and cartridges. The machinery was worked by steam, but they had no steam hammers, so that the work is not likely to be first-rate. What they were making principally at the time of our visit was an enormously heavy rifle, between six and seven feet long, for two men to fire. The man in front rests it on his shoulder while the man behind fires it. These weapons, they explained to us, are meant to defend the city walls.

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719 The nominal head of the arsenal was also in charge of the Yün-nan telegraphs. He was a stout, pleasant old Manchu gentleman, who did not pretend to know anything whatever about either telegraphs or arsenals.

132 The weather since we left Ch'u-hsiung had been getting a little warm, but in Yün-nan Fu we had quite a change. A heavy thunderstorm ended in a fall of snow, which lay on the ground two inches deep for some hours. The height of Yün-nan Fu I made 6,700 feet, and its climate is never hot, 85° in the shade being about the maximum summer temperature. There are frosts in winter, but no very severe weather is ever experienced.